

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

TROPICAL STORM HANNA SITUATION REPORT # 1 1500 Hours 3 September 2008

SUMMARY

At 1400 hours the center of Tropical Storm Hanna was located 75 miles Southwest of Grand Turk Island in the Bahamas. Hanna is moving toward the North-Northwest at 10 mph. A turn to the Northwest with an increase in speed is expected within the next 24 hours. Maximum sustained winds are reported near 60 mph with some strengthening forecast over the next two days and Hanna could again become a hurricane by Thursday. Tropical storm force winds extend outward of 290 miles mainly to the North of the center. The exact track and possible location of landfall is still uncertain as Hanna approaches the Southeastern coast of the US.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

EOC Activation The VEOC is at Response Operations with augmented staff and has set Hurricane Readiness Condition 3 (under 72 hours before the onset of Tropical Storm Force Winds).

Protective Action The VEOC will augment selected Emergency Support Functions (ESF) effective 0700 Friday 5 September and begin 24 hour Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT) operations. Preparing for the arrival of federal agency staff on 5 September.

ESF 15 – External Affairs VA Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)
VDEM Public Affairs staff continues to maintain situational awareness and to field media inquiries reference Virginia's response to the impending impact of Tropical Storm Hanna. Staff is also coordinating press releases with the Governor's Office and other State Agencies.

WEATHER

Forecast Wednesday, 3 September: Sunny; high temps in the lower 90's; winds West between 3 and 6 MPH. Wednesday night: Clear; low temps in the low 60's; light South winds. Thursday, 4 September: Sunny; high temps lower 90's; calm winds becoming South between 4 and 7 MPH. Thursday night: Partly cloudy; low temps low 60's; winds South 5 MPH.

The Virginia Emergency Operations Center is monitoring Tropical Storm Ike which is located 740 miles East-Northeast of the Leeward Islands moving West at 18 MPH with winds near 70 MPH and Tropical Storm Josephine, located 305 miles West-Southwest of the southernmost Cape Verde Islands also moving west at 10 MPH with winds near 60 MPH.

OPERATIONS SECTION

ESF 1 – Transportation VA Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Maintaining situational awareness and assessing current resource availabilities. Coordinating with North Carolina on potential evacuation activities.

ESF 5 – Emergency Management VA Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)
The Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC) is at Response Operations Hurricane Readiness Condition 3 with augmented staff monitoring National Hurricane Center Advisories on Tropical Storms Hanna, Ike and Josephine and maintaining situational awareness. The VEOC is monitoring Department of Homeland Security and Federal Emergency Management Agency conference calls reference Tropical Storm

Hanna. An event has been created in WebEOC titled 2008-09 Hurricane Hanna. State agencies and localities should make entries and monitor for information related to Tropical Storm Hanna. The VEOC initiated weather conference calls on 3 September with state agencies, all localities, Virginia Dominion Power, military units, and the National Weather Service Forecast Offices covering Virginia.

ESF8 – Public Health

Virginia Department of Health (VDH)

Maintaining situational awareness and coordinating with hospitals and local health districts on possible impacts and resource requirements. Alternate Emergency Coordination Center (AECC) established at Central State Hospital in Petersburg.

ESF 16 – Military Affairs

Virginia Army National Guard (VANG)

Monitoring situational awareness and obtaining equipment status and anticipating staffing requirements.

LOGISTICS SECTION

ESF 7 – Resource Support

VA Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Identifying locations for possible pre-positioning of resources, staging areas, and Point of Distribution (POD) locations. The State Emergency Services Contract will be available to localities effective 4 September 2008. Providing deployment location for FEMA Mobile Emergency Response System (MERS) equipment.

PLANNING SECTION

ESF 5 – Situation Unit:

Preparing Situation Reports; monitoring WebEOC entries; maintaining situational awareness and preparing draft of an Executive Order for a Declaration of a State of Emergency.

Next Situation Report will be issued 4 September around 1500 hours.

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